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SUBJECT: STRIKE BY ITALIAN EMPLOYEES OF U.S. FORCES BASES

- 1. ALMOST CERTAIN TWO UNIONS, FILTAT-CISL AND UIDATCA-UIL, WILL HOLD 24-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE AT ALL U.S. FORCES BASES IN ITALY ON FEBRUARY 27. ESTIMATE OF U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL OFFICERS IS THAT PROPOSED STRIKE APT BE QUITE SUCCESSFUL SINCE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE POPULAR WITH ITALIAN WORKERS.
- 2. PRINCIPAL DEMAND IS ABOLITION OF CHANGE OF LABOR/MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT DATED JULY 15, 1957, WHICH GOVERNS LABOR RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. FORCES AND ITALIAN EMPLOYEES AND WHICH, IN EFFECT, PRECULDES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. OTHER DEMANDS INCLUDE (A) EXTENSION OR RE-APPLICATION ITALIAN LAW UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEES OF U.S. FORCES GUARANTEED UNTIL 1968 RE-EMPLOYMENT BY GOI IF DISCHARGED WITHOUT CAUSE AND (B) 12,000 LIRE PER MONTH COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT, WHICH INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES IN ITALY RECENTLY OBTAINED THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, BUT WHICH DEMAND HAS BEEN REJECTED BY U.S. FORCES
- 4. THIS WILL BE FIRST COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE BY ITALIAN EMPLOYEES OF U.S. FORCES. STRIKE COMES IN MIDST SERIES PUBLIC SERVICE STRIKES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY MAJOR ITALIAN LABOR CONFEDERATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT WORK

STOPPAGES AT U.S. FORCES BASES LESS REMARKABLE. TWO UNIONS INVOLVED ARE HEADED BY LEADING OPPONENTS LABOR UNITY MOVEMENT. WHICH IS TO SAY THEY ARE SPOKESMEN FOR FREE, AUTONOMOUS AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR UNION PRINCIPLES. ENZO LEOLINI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FILTATCISL, IS COLLABORATOR OF VITO SCALIA AND PAOLO SARTORI IN CISL MINORITY. GIOVANNI GATTI, SECRETARY GENERAL UIDATCA-UIL, IS STRONG SUPPORTER OF UIL SECRETARY GENERAL VANNI'S POSITION OPPOSING ORGANIC UNION OF UIL, CISL, AND COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL. VOLPE

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